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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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FROM:

Chairman, Narcotics Working Group

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SUBJECT:

Relations with NIO/Narcotics

You may wish to draw upon the following in your meeting with Eloise Page this afternoon:

-- NIO for Narcotics David Gries is quite concerned with the activities of the Narcotics Working Group as they relate to NNBIS.

-- Gries indicates that Bill Casey and John McMahon have given him the charter for assessing the intelligence needs of the NNBIS system, developing resource recommendations to meet those needs, and assisting in implementation of those recommendations. His extensive correspondence with ADM Murphy, Casey and other senior Agency individuals reflects the extent to which he has moved in these areas.

-- He is concerned with what he sees as the NWG's duplication of these activities. He said this was not only counterproductive but also highly embarrassing. The NWG's work is confusing other agencies about where Gries' responsibilities are.

-- In a note to me, Gries said he had shared these sentiments with you and that you had agreed to leave the questions of support to NNBIS to him.

-- Gries also objected strongly to the idea of us getting into the question of dissemination of DEA and Customs intelligence/information reports. This was a system he had developed and he was concerned that our dealing with it might "muddy the waters."

-- Finally, he said he had serious reservations about the Narcotics Working Group's tenure and he would oppose any effort to make it a permanent extending committee. The NWG, according to him, was not set up to do anything but assess the adequacy of narcotics intelligence efforts. His "Warning Group" is the appropriate permanent forum for dealing with any narcotics intelligence collection or production problems, according to Gries and that "this has John McMahon's blessing."

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Recommendations:

-- You seek from John McMahon a clarification of the division of labor.

-- We institute regular meetings with Gries.



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